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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, PO, GW
SUBJECT: BEJA AIR BASE PORTUGAL

REFERENCE: STATE 139643 DTG 020121 JUN 78 (NOTAL)

1. WE BRIEFED FMOD OFFICE DIRECTOR BACKES ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. BACKES EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION
FOR THE CONTINUING EXCHANGE ON OUR PORTUGUESE NEGOTIA-
TIONS AND INDICATED THAT IT IS IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS TO
KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED.

2. AS REGARDS BEJA, BACKES SAID THAT THE PORTUGUESE
DEFENSE MINISTER HAS WRITTEN FRG MINISTER OF DEFENSE
APEL ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE THE GERMAN PROPOSAL THAT
TWO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD. ONE NEGOTIATION
WOULD DEAL WITH CONTINUED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
PORTUGAL AND THE OTHER WITH BEJA BASE RIGHTS. THE
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PORTUGUESE WOULD LIKE THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED
SIMULTANEOUSLY AND TO END CONCURRENTLY. BACKES HAS
PREPARED A REPLY FOR APEL, WHICH SHOULD BE SENT WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS, INDICATING THAT THE GERMANS HAVE NO
PROBLEM WITH PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY
CANNOT ACCEPT THE NOTION OF LINKAGE WHICH THE DEMAND
FOR SIMULTANEOUS CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS APPEARS TO

IMPLY.

3. BACKES ENVISIONS PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING IN THE FALL, WITH THE FMOD NEGOTIATING FOR CONTINUED BASE RIGHTS, WHILE THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS HANDLES THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE.

4. BACKES SAID THAT THE GERMANS ALREADY HAVE 70 MILLION DM EARMARKED FOR PORTUGAL, WHICH COULD BE RAISED TO 100 MILLION DM WITHOUT TOO GREAT A FUSS. CERTAIN SPD CIRCLES, HE SAID, HAVE CALLED FOR AN EVEN LARGER PACKAGE TO STABILIZE THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY AND STRENGTHEN THE SOARES GOVERNMENT.

5. BACKES SAID THEY HAVE INFORMED THE PORTUGUESE THAT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THE GERMAN SIDE REQUIRES NINE MONTHS LEAD TIME TO MOVE TRAINING UNITS OR EQUIPMENT TO BEJA. ALL CURRENT PLANS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND THE NEXT POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE IN 1980. THE GERMANS WILL THUS INSIST THAT NEGOTIATIONS END IN EARLY 1979, TO INSURE ADEQUATE LEAD TIME FOR A 1980 MOVE.
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